



5 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will probably be aware the number of COVID cases being reported has been at its highest over these past two days and this led to yet more challenging times in regard to staffing levels for all sectors, including education.

As a campus we are committed to ensuring students continue to receive a high quality education in the coming weeks and we will do all that we can to minimise any disruption to their learning. I do have to make parents/carers aware though that we are already facing extremely high levels of staff absence that will impact on our ability to operate in our usual manner. As of this morning we have the following absences across the campus:

- Catering - 5
- Site - 1
- Admin - 2
- Learning Support - 6
- Teaching Staff - 5

With many staff not on site we simply cannot function as normal and there will be an impact on what we can reasonably deliver. Our main priority is the safe running of the school and we will evaluate this on a daily basis and take any appropriate action. We will do all we can to ensure lessons are delivered in the normal fashion but would ask for understanding at this time, when things may not be as you would wish or expect. Please could I also ask that school is only contacted to deal with urgent matters, due to the reduced capacity across the team.

Please can I thank parents and students for the strong compliance with regard to face coverings being worn. Our expectation is that they will be worn in all areas of school, unless exempt and until the guidance is updated. Students have shown great maturity during the onsite testing which has gone to schedule and only yielded two positive results. It will be vital in the coming weeks that the twice weekly testing is maintained at home.

I will endeavour to keep parents fully informed in the coming weeks and provide as much notice as possible if we are in a position where we might need to move to remote learning for some year groups.

Yours sincerely

W Teece
Headteacher